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PAINTERS 1194 GET INCREASE AS OF JUNE 1

The "on again, off again" wage increase of Painters Union 1104 of Salinas finally has been approved by the Wage Stabilization Board, effective as of June 1, according to Peter A. Greco, business agent of the union.

Greco said the retroactive pay is being received by painters for the nearly six months during which the union has been waiting for the increase.

The new wage scale is $2.57 an hour, base rate, for union painters, Greco said, as result of the 15c an hour increase.

Calling Kids: Don't Forget Party Dec. 20

Committee members planning the annual Children's Christmas Party in Salinas issued a special announcement to youngsters in the Salinas area.

The announcement included:

"NOTICE TO ALL KIDS IN THE SALINAS AREA:

"Don't forget the great Christmas Party which will be given for all youngsters, at Salinas Union High School auditorium starting at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20.

"You are urged to come early so you will get a good seat for the show and the party.

"We will have three acts of vaudeville which all youngsters will enjoy. There will be bags of candy, fruit and nuts, plus gifts and favors for all the children.

"Remember that date: Saturday night, Dec. 20, 7:30 o'clock, Salinas Union High School auditorium.

"The Christmas party is sponsored by the AFL Central Labor Council in Salinas and is free for all youngsters of the area."

Ex-Bartender Now Operates Liquor Store

John R. Porta, former member of Salinas Bartenders Union 545 (now part of the combined Culinary Workers & Bartenders Union 355), has opened a liquor store at 276 East Alisal St., Salinas, next door to Teamsters Union 890's offices.

Porta and his wife are operating the store, having moved from a former downtown location to the Alisal Street address where their customers have better parking facilities.

Upon his return from service, Porta worked for a time at Brownie's Tap Room, then started in business for himself. He has resided and worked in Salinas for many years.

Temple Green; May Be Envy!

A "green with envy" color has been used in the repainting of the exterior of Salinas Labor Temple, officers and office workers of local unions in the building insisted last week.

The "green with envy" idea came in discussions of the cool gray inside as contrasted with the dirty white of the exterior, which (the gang reports) turned green with envy! No other reason for the green outside was given, although the paint job made quite an improvement, everyone agrees.

Mason Tenders Reject Offers Of Mont. Bosses

An offer from brick contractors in an effort to settle the dispute over mason tender wages in the Monterey area was rejected by the tenders, members of Monterey Laborers' Union 690, last week.

The employers offered a wage increase effective as of Nov. 19, instead of Sept. 1, date of expiration of the former contract. A welfare plan which was worded so as to allow easy breach of contract was offered. In addition, the proposed contract would have a clause whereby brick mason tenders could work only for contractors with a C-29 (brick) license.

Spokesmen for Local 690 said the contract offers were rejected almost unanimously after details were explained. The mason tenders are seeking wages and conditions comparable to those of the San Francisco Bay Area.

Wray D. Empie, business agent of Laborers Union 272 in Salinas, was a visitor at the Monterey union meeting, it was reported.

Local 690 has been picketing brick contractors who are trying to operate without a contract for tenders and the dispute has been referred to international unions and to AFL Building Trades Dept.

Meanwhile, the 15 cents per hour wage increase for plaster tenders in the area has been approved by the Wage Stabilization Board, along with the 7½ cents per hour, employer-paid, welfare plan which will be effective Feb. 1. The wage increase is retroactive to Sept. 1.

Invite Serviceman For Turkey Feed Is Local Club's Plea

All union people of the Salinas area were urged last week to invite a member of the nation's armed forces into their home this Thanksgiving Day for the traditional turkey dinner.

The "invite a serviceman to dinner" plea was launched by the Salinas Optimist Club, which recently raised about $600 for boys' work programs through a "Lettuce Bowl" football game.

Unionists who wish to invite a serviceman may call Jimmie Butler Jr., Optimist Club boys' work chairman and secretary of Barbers Union 827.

Butler can be reached by telephoning 3504, or at his shop, 418 Monterey St. Those willing to invite servicemen should give the number who can be accommodated, their home address, time of the dinner, etc., so that Fort Ord may be notified to invite the servicemen to be present for the home dinners.

Anchovy, Squid Fishing Pressed

Union fishermen in the Monterey area were busy last week seeking anchovies and squid for local pack, officials announced.

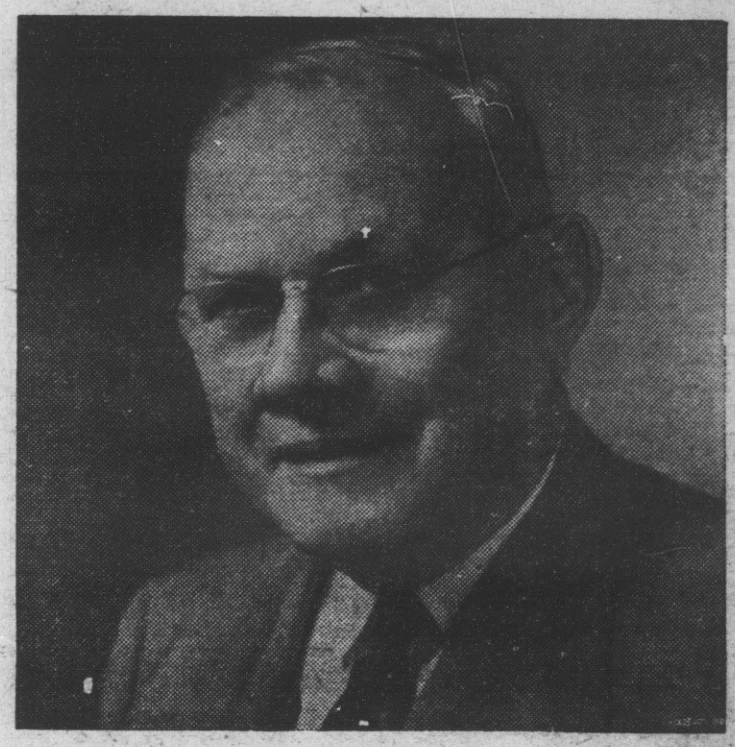
Anchovies still were being caught in quantity but squid were being located only in sufficient number for market sales, it was reported.

Meanwhile a sardine cannery, burned out last year, shut down last week. The Westgate-Sun Harbor firm, its fire salvage operations completed, has quit the Monterey fish canning field, company officials announced.

Labor Mourns Death of Wm. Green, Historic AFL Leader

In the fall of '52, on November 4, public balloting decreed an end to a 20-year "New Deal" era for American labor. On November 8, Philip Murray, president of the CIO, died of a heart attack. On November 21, William Green, president of the AFL, died of a heart attack.

After getting out the largest vote in its history in a desperate effort to turn back a momentary swing to reaction, it was heart-breaking to American labor to lose in the final



count. And apparently it broke the hearts of two men who symbolize practically the entire life-span of American labor, from its earliest days of bloodshed up to its modern role as the great stabilizer, the one great voice of appeal to reason and humanity in a dangerous world of greed and bossism.

Son of an immigrant miner, Bill Green in 1924 became the successor to Samuel Gompers, legendary founder of the AFL. First reports gave his age as 79, but according to the family Bible, he was born March 3, 1870, thus making him well over 82 years of age. Doctors said "his heart just gave out." He had been ill during the AFL convention in New York in September.

The AFL executive council will determine a successor, probably at a meeting this week. Secretary-Treasurer George Meany is considered the man most likely to be named.

The conservative Green was faced with hectic schisms in the AFL, the break-off of the CIO in 1937, its rise to nearly equal stature with the parent, and subsequent splintering caused by the existing rivalry, which many criticized as the one deterrent to labor's assuming its rightful leadership in the U. S.

Green maintained a middle course and gave his full energy to the Federation which was his life. He has occupied a leading position in the councils of American labor for three decades, and his passing comes at a time that will be remembered as a milestone in the annals of U. S. organized labor, the fall of '52.

CONTESTS SET FOR SALINAS BARBER VOTE

Contests for nearly every office developed for the Barbers Union 827 elections next month when the Salinas union met for nominations last week

Further nominations will be possible at the December meeting, at which the election will take place, Secy. Jimmie Butler reports.

First nominations are:

For President: Jim Foster (incumbent), Herbert Ridgway, Virgil Hill and Mel Hufhines.

For Vice-President: Nate Freeman (incumbent), and Joe Chappell.

For Secretary-Treasurer: Jimmie Butler (incumbent), and Herbert Ridgway.

For Recording Secretary: Doss Hill (incumbent).

For Guide: Ray Ferris and Paul Ridgway.

For Guardian: Elmer Nichols, Guy Falvo and Paul Moore.

BTC, Carpenters Meet on Mutual Problems Here

Representatives of Carpenters' local unions in Monterey County met last week with the Monterey County Building Trades Council in an effort to work out mutual problems. Results of the meeting were not disclosed.

Spokesmen said representatives of Carpenters Union 925 of Salinas and of Carpenters Union 1323 of Monterey were present. The delegation from King City Local 1279 was not in attendance.

Representing Local 925 were Bus. Agt. Harvey Baldwin, Secy. A. O. Miller, Carl Helmso and Melvin Martin.

The group from Local 1323 included Ralph Williams, George Wilson, R. Hanson and S. F. Goessling.

Garbage Row Is Postponed

Hearing before the Salinas city council on the protests at increase in garbage hauling rates was postponed last week until the city council meets again on Dec. 1.

The Monterey County Central Labor Council has protested the garbage rate increase and had asked a representative to attend protest meetings.

Let us not deceive ourselves: we must elect world peace or world destruction.—**Bernard M. Baruch.**

Carpenters 1323 Planning Party For Yule Season

Plans are being laid by Monterey Carpenters Union 1323 for a Christmas Party during the coming holidays. The committee of arrangements was to meet last Saturday to lay plans for the event.

Date, place and details are to be announced later by the union. Such a party was held last year and proved a big success.

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Thomas Eide, business agent of Monterey Carpenters Union 1323, has been informed that he need not travel to San Francisco to work on the coming welfare plan for the craft until the session scheduled for Dec. 8. He has been attending welfare plan meetings weekly for several months.

Eide pointed out that many members have not returned post cards which set forth information required for putting the welfare plan into effect. These cards, due on Nov. 15, must be returned before any member will be able to receive any benefits. While the welfare plan does not become effective until March 1, 1953, information is being compiled now.

History is often written by weather. The Spanish Armada was destroyed by a storm. And had it not rained on the night of June 17, 1815, the Battle of Waterloo might have had a different outcome.

Butchers Reject Contract Offer

An offer submitted by employers of retail butchers in the Santa Cruz area was rejected by an almost unanimous vote of the membership of Butchers Union 506 in Santa Cruz last week, Secretary Earl A. Moorhead reports.

The employer offer was for $4 a week wage increase plus a health and welfare plan. The membership rejected the offer because it left Santa Cruz butchers still far below the rest of the butchers in Local 506.

Moorhead said the Santa Cruz members instructed that negotiators continue to press for a contract in Santa Cruz which will make the Santa Cruz wage on a par with the scale for retail butchers in Watsonville and elsewhere in jurisdiction of Local 506.

A Federal labor conciliator, Wayne Kenaston, has entered the negotiations now and was expected to attend the next meeting of employer and union representatives on Wednesday (Nov. 26), Moorhead added.

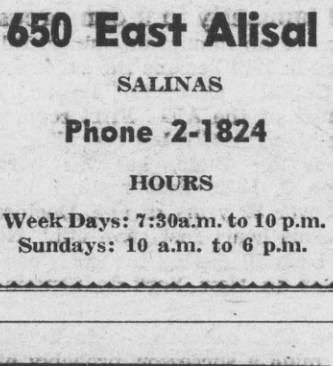
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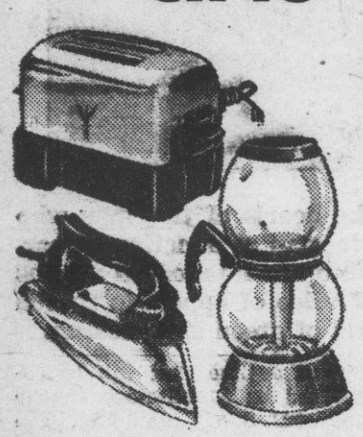
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Real Estate Men Seek Tax Melon

(AFL Release)

Miami Beach, Fla.—If the president of the National Association of Real Estate Boards has his way, taxes paid on real estate will be deducted from federal income taxes, and rent control will be prohibited by Constitutional amendment.

While Joseph Lund of Boston was taking those positions in an address to the NAREB convention, other leaders of the realtors' group said they were prepared to step up their drive against rent control anywhere, even in critical defense areas, public housing, and federally-administered slum-control programs.

RICH WOULD BENEFIT

Under Lund's plan, a man whose federal tax amounted to $1000, say, and who paid $300 in local real estate taxes, could have the $300 deducted from his income levy, leaving his latter bill at $700. At present, real estate taxes are deductible items which may be subtracted from a person's income before he figures his tax.

Individuals with the largest real estate holdings would benefit the most from Lund's plan.

Meanwhile, other officials of the NAREB predicted that the new Congress will provide "a more favorable climate" for the industry. The group began a campaign to have Congress abolish the Housing and Home Finance Agency, which administers governmental housing activity.

LEGISLATORS WATCHED

"So long as there is one over-all agency directing housing matters," a convention officer said, "there will be the temptation on the part of politicians, whether Republican or Democratic, to meddle in the private enterprise field. Our position is that the least government you have in housing the better housing the people will get with the least possibility of socialization of our economy."

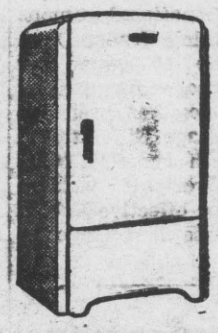
NAREB policy-makers made clear that they intend to be "on guard" against GOP legislators who may be inclined to support housing or rent control.

At the same time, Lund said he expected that Congress and President-elect Eisenhower would keep prices "stabilized."

FOSSIL PROTECTION

Archeologists must be careful in shipping fossils. The entire fossil skeleton is coated freely with shellac. Thin and absorbent rice paper is then applied to the surface of the bones, followed by another coat of shellac.

Dr. Francis J. Turner, professor of geology on the Berkeley campus, recently represented the University of California at the meeting of the International Geological Congress in Algiers, Morocco, where he presented a scientific paper.



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U.S. Public Absorbs Gross Profit Loss For Corporations

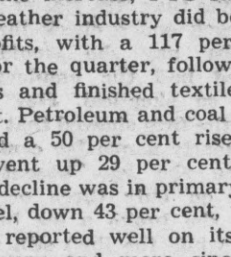
Washington (LPA)—The excess-profits tax, under attack from industry, turned a gross loss into a net profit for manufacturing corporations in the second quarter of 1952, the Federal Trade Commission revealed Nov. 16.

Profits before federal taxes were $6,009,000,000 in the first quarter and $5,680,000,000 in the second—a decline of 6 per cent—but the lower excess-profits taxes on those earnings resulted in an after-tax profit increase of 1 per cent—from $2,562,000,000 to $2,597,000,000. Total sales increased from $60,600,000,000 to $61,400,000,000.

For the first time since Korea, FTC noted, there was an increase in the liquidity of manufacturing corporations. The ratio of cash and U.S. securities to current liabilities rose from 63 per cent at the end of March to 67 per cent at the end of June. All sizes of corporations shared the increase, FTC said.

The leather industry did best in net profits, with a 117 per cent boom for the quarter, followed by apparels and finished textiles, 89 per cent. Petroleum and coal products had a 50 per cent rise, and foods went up 29 per cent. The biggest decline was in primary iron and steel, down 43 per cent, which is now reported well on its way to recovery and more since the price jacking that followed last summer's steel strike. No other decline exceeded the 18 per cent of textile mill products.

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Well, what do you know! We have finally received approval from Wage Stabilization Board for the Dempsey-Hudson Frozen Food Company that the wage increase may now be put into effect. Mr. Dempsey states that it will take some time to compute the retroactive pay since this goes back to March 1, 1952.

We are hopeful that we will have approval for Spiegl Farms by the time you read this item.

We are also waiting patiently for approval for the van and storage industry, material drivers, and the lumber industry. We wish to point out that all of these petitions that must go before WSB are very costly to your union, necessitating many trips for your secretary to visit the Board in San Francisco plus long distance telephone calls and the amount of time consumed in the office in preparing these forms that we may receive our wage increases.

We have finally received a rating for the seven-yard concrete mixers being used by Granite Construction Company in Monterey on the Fort Ord job, the new rate of $2.15 per hour effective Sept. 1, 1952. Your union has attempted to no avail to make this rate retroactive to May 1, 1952, but here again we have been hampered with WSB rulings. We would like to point out that we have no objections to wage controls and OPS regulations if they were on a fair and acceptable basis, so that we could explain to our membership the various delays and why we are stymied in so many negotiations.

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ON THE SICK LIST

We are sorry to report that Business Agent Irvin Duncan has been confined to his home with a very severe cold and sore throat. We hope he will be back on the job shortly.

Ernest Poncetta, a Langendorf bread driver, has undergone a serious operation and is now in the Salinas Valley Hospital.

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McMAHAN FURNITURE NON-UNION

Glen Wilkerson, business agent and your secretary, Bud Kenyon, attended the Joint Council No. 7 meeting in San Francisco last Tuesday, at which time the matter of the non-union McMahan Furniture Stores, located in Pacific Grove and Salinas, was discussed. A committee has been set up through the Western Warehouse and the Bay Area Warehouse Council where a plan is under way to place pickets on each and every McMahan Furniture Store wherever they may be located in California if they are not under a union agreement. Remember, all members of Local 890 will refrain from patronizing this store. The pickets were withdrawn temporarily but are now resumed.

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MEETINGS

It looks like a busy week-end ahead for your secretary. He has a meeting in San Jose at 10 a.m. Saturday morning on the Permanente Metals contract.

A special meeting will be held Sunday at 10 a.m. in Monterey regarding the Bisnett drivers. The executive board meets Monday at 7 p.m. and Tuesday a meeting will be held in San Jose for the Cannery Council. We have a meeting with the Grower-Shippers for Monterey Bay Packing and Associated Produce on Wednesday at 10 a.m.

We sincerely hope that all of our members will be able to negotiate for a Thanksgiving turkey that you may all enjoy a very happy Thanksgiving day. Your union office will of course be closed on that day but will be open on Friday following Thanksgiving day.

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Health Plans—

Courts Say M.D.s Have No Right To Block Them

The Committee for the Nation's Health, and AFL-backed organization of national scope, pointed out this week that numerous court decisions, the first in 1943, the latest only a few months ago, have both helped to establish the committee's contention that the opposition of the American Medical Association to prepaid medical health insurance is legally indefensible.

In 1943, the U. S. Supreme Court held the District of Columbia Medical Society in violation of the Sherman Anti-Trust Act for taking punitive measures against doctors who took part in a prepaid program for government workers in Washington, D. C.

Last spring, the Beckham County, Oklahoma, Medical Society ended a 20-year boycott against the Elk City Community Hospital in Oklahoma, after the doctors had lost a court case.

The Committee for the Nation's Health says that the four major court cases involving doctors' socities and groups of health plan members have answered the following questions:

Do lay people have the right to organize plans for prepaying their physicians' services and to make financial arrangements with physicians of their choice to furnish those services? The Committee says that the court cases answer this in the affirmative.

Do medical societies have the right to block such plans in the name of "medical ethics"? No, says the Committee.

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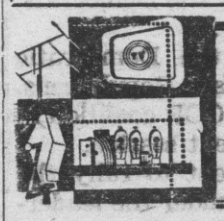
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Every new President of the United States is entitled to the united support of the American people at the outset of his administration.

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It is no exaggeration to say that President-elect Eisenhower faces the most difficult task of any occupant of the White House since Franklin D. Roosevelt's first administration.

In seeking an honorable end to the Korean stalemate, in the search for world peace and security and in the objective of strengthening the nation's internal economy, President-elect Eisenhower needs and deserves the help and cooperation of all citizens, regardless of their political leanings.

He can count upon such help and cooperation from the American Federation of Labor.

When it comes to domestic problems, Eisenhower's specific views are not yet crystallized. We do not yet know definitely whether he will align himself with the more liberal wing in the Republican Party, or with the reactionaries. Until he has made his position clear, he is entitled to the benefit of the doubt.

If Eisenhower, as we believe, means what he said when he promised during the campaign that he is determined to be fair and just to Americans in all walks of life, he will not encounter opposition from labor.

Political Crossroads

Both the Republican and the Democratic parties now stand at the crossroads.

In power for the first time in 20 years, the GOP must decide which way to go and whose leadership to follow. Eisenhower campaigned on a "middle-of-the-road" program. Taft may attempt to swing the party in the direction he has always traveled—to the extreme right. Only time will tell which will prevail, although at the moment Eisenhower is unquestionably in the driver's seat.

Second only to the importance of the direction the Republicans decide to take, is that to be pursued by the Democrats, now occupying the novel role of the minority.

In Congress, a substantial number of the Democratic minority has voted in the past with the Taft Republicans. There is reason for belief that the Dixiecrat-GOP coalition in Congress may continue to function in the next session.

However, there will be a strong movement to rally the Democrats into an effective minority group under the leadership of Adlai E. Stevenson. While defeated in his bid for the Presidency, Gov. Stevenson still remains the titular head of his party. We hope he will assert his leadership and attempt to prevail upon the Democrats in Congress to follow consistently progressive policies.

This does not mean blind opposition to the Eisenhower program, when it takes shape. It does mean an alert and intelligent effort to support the new administration when it is right and to oppose it when it is wrong.

The greatest danger would be for the Democratic Party to fall into Dixiecrat control and to repudiate the New Deal-Fair Deal program under which the Democrats flourished for the past 20 years.

To put reverse English on the position of the daily press in the last campaign, the American system of government is essentially a two-party system and cannot function effectively otherwise.

Future of Civil Rights

Because it is a foregone conclusion that an effective federal civil rights program will not emerge from the Congress which was elected Nov. 4, it will be up to individual states to protect persons from being discriminated against because of race, color, creed or national origin. Action by states has been notably weak, especially in those states where it is most needed.

About the only positive commitment made by President-elect Eisenhower regarding civil rights was his promise to end segregation in the District of Columbia and in the armed services.

The increased Congressional power of the Dixiecrats and the re-election of many Republicans who have worked hand-in-glove with them to stymie any civil rights legislation, will force those who believe in freedom for all Americans to rely more on their own efforts than official action.

Labor Backed Stevenson to The Hilt, Survey Shows

(AFL Release)

Contrary to the sneering conclusions of the daily press, union members throughout the country voted overwhelmingly for Adlai E. Stevenson for President, analysis of the final returns proves. Stevenson received almost 27 million popular votes, most of his strength coming from the industrial centers and big cities, where the labor vote predominates. His vote exceeded the winning total of President Truman in 1948 and the total of any other successful candidate in history except Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1936 and 1940.

TWO KEY ISSUES

How then did Dwight D. Eisenhower get elected?

The figures provide the answer. Eisenhower received more than 33 million popular votes. He obviously won the bulk of the 11 million additional votes this year, over 1948.

Who were these new voters? Mostly women and young people who have become eligible to vote during the last four years.

Why did they cast their votes so predominantly for Eisehower rather than Stevenson? Political analysts agree that the stalemated Korean war and the charges of "softness" by the Truman Administration on Communism were the two key issues.

It is also universally agreed in the post mortem analyses that the Eisenhower victory was a personal one, rather than a triumph of Republican policies over the Democratic program.

While Eisenhower won in a landslide, the Republicans were able to gain only hairline margins in Congress. They will control the new Senate by one vote and the new House by eight.

CHARGE EXPLODED

Every major branch of organized labor endorsed Stevenson for President in the campaign. On the morning after election, the newspapers hailed the failure of Stevenson to carry any of the industrial states in the East, North, or West as evidence that union members had repudiated the political advice of their leaders.

This wishful thinking was exploded by spot checks made in most of the major cities of the nation by Labor's League for Political Education.

In Philadelphia, for instance, Stevenson won a 160,000 vote margin, as against only 6,000 for Truman in 1948.

In Chicago, the vote in the eight principal "labor" wards was 3 to 1 for Stevenson.

In Detroit, Stevenson polled 126,000 more votes than Truman had.

The figures were so clear that Elie Abel, N. Y. Times correspondent, wrote that the "assumption" that "organized labor fumbled the job of getting out the big city vote" had been exploded as "false."

And so it went in the cities of California, Connecticut, Tennessee, and other states, with few exceptions.

Even Sen. Robert A. Taft commented that Eisenhower won a "negative" victory. The Senator indicated he would have done better as a candidate, especially in rolling up larger GOP majorities in Congress.

PERCENTAGE IS LESS

On a percentage basis, Eisenhower captured a little better than 55 per cent of the popular vote, less than Harding, Coolidge, and Hoover when they were elected.

The peculiarity of the Eisenhower landslide is reflected in the fact that 10 states which went for Ike chose Democratic senators in the same election. Only one state, Kentucky, elected a Republican senator (Cooper) while giving its electoral vote to Stevenson.

Eisenhower led the GOP ticket in all but three states—Kentucky, Minnesota, and Vermont. His share of the vote in every state was greater than Dewey's in 1948.

In the South, where Eisenhower took five states because of resentment against the Truman civil rights program and because of the tidelands oil issue, Eisenhower's total vote was only 180,000 less than Stevenson's. This was one of the most amazing aspects of the election.

In other states, notably Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island and New York, a different form of prejudice operated against Stevenson and helped to roll up unexpected majorities for Eisenhower.

Truman's margin of victory in 1948 was so close that a switch of only 29,000 votes in three key states would have given Dewey victory. In this year's election, it would have taken a switch of 700,000 votes apportioned in 18 states to swing the tide in Stevenson's favor.

These facts should give loyal trade unionists encouragement on the future of labor's political progress. They should also give pause to the newspaper, radio, and TV commentators who were so quick—and so wrong—in gloating that the results meant a repudiation of what they call the "labor bosses."

Actually, the labor vote held truer and more solidly for Stevenson than the Democratic organization vote.

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Social security, old-age and survivors insurance for wage earners and salaried people, is provided through joint contributions from workers and their employers. Both the boss and his employees, therefore, should be interested in seeing that correct benefits are received by eligible beneficiaries when they are due.

To insure this being done, wise management provides basic social security information to its staff. It emphasizes that there are two times for action for its workers or their families.

The first time is when a worker reaches 65. At that time he is encouraged to call at his nearest social security office for information or benefits regardless of whether or not he is planning to retire. If he continues to work but at a lower pay rate than he received before his 65th birthday, his social security office can give him the information that will help him in deciding the best time to file his claim in order to receive the highest possible benefit.

The second time is when the worker dies regardless of his age. At that time some member of his family is urged to get in touch with the nearest social security office immediately. Some employers not only inform workers and their dependents of their social security rights but bring them to the social security office to file claims for benefits.

For information on these or other points concerning your social security, contact the local Social Security office located at 1509 Clay Street, Oakland.

Faithful Worker, Stubborn Boss

Reading, Pa. (LPA).—Last summer Helen Bosler was two days late in reporting back from her vacation to the Curtis-Stephens-Emory shoe plant, where she had been employed for 24 years. While returning from Yellowstone Park the axle of her car broke, necessitating extensive repairs. The firm refused to believe her story and fired Mrs. Bosler.

Local 496 of the AFL Boot and Shoe Workers protested and the case went to arbitration. The result was that Mrs. Bosler got her job back and a check for the 4 months' pay she would have earned had the employer not been so skeptical. Her record with the firm showed that during her nearly a quarter century of service she was absent from work on only three occasions. Once she broke a leg but was back while the limb still was in a cast, another time her ribs were broken and on the third occasion she contracted pneumonia, but had to be sent home from her job.

Paper Says Winchell Has Never Voted

(State Fed. Release)

Walter Winchell, columnist, radio commentator and TV performer, is not registered to vote, nor has he ever voted in his life, it was revealed last week in "Trainman News," official publication of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen.

The independent railroad paper stated that Winchell admitted to Leonard Lyons, columnist for the N. Y. Post, that he had never registered to vote.

Winchell conducted an all-out campaign in favor of General Eihower for the presidency and has been a particularly outspoken foe of the Democratic Party in recent years.

During the recent campaign, Winchell sponsored a contest on the subject, "Why I Should Vote on November 4."



GO WEST—It's time for longies in the northern U.S., but scenes like this are still common in sunny California. She's movie actress Virginia Gibson. (LPA)

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Bread and Butter Facts

Arizona, Nevada Adopt Little Taft-Hartley Acts

By LANE KIRKLAND

Two related events of Nov. 4, though virtually ignored in the usual election post-mortems, hold a very special significance for the trade union movement. The tide of votes that swept Dwight D. Eisenhower into the White House carried in its backwash two new state anti-labor laws.

The voters of Arizona and Nevada, in the course of going Republican for a "change," added their states to the number of those having "little Taft-Hartleys," with big yellow fangs, on their statute books.

In Arizona, an initiative proposal outlawing peaceful picketing and "secondary boycotts" was adopted. In Nevada, a bamboozled electorate approved a proposal outlawing all forms of union security and making it illegal for good trade unionists to refuse to work with scabs.

SHARP CONTRAST

These companion developments stand in sharp contrast to the professed attitude of the President-elect. In his campaign speeches on the subject of labor, he said: "I reject compulsion." He further stated: "Today in America unions have a secure place in our industrial life. Only a handful of reactionaries harbor the ugly thought of breaking unions. . . ." And he placed himself flatly on record as favoring, not just unions, but "strong unions."

Yet, Eisenhower carried with him to power a pair of laws suppressing free speech, compelling trade unionists to scab on their fellows against their wills, and stripping unions of their security.

And the most casual glance would show, somewhat more than a "handful of reactionaries." What "ugly thoughts" are harbored now, in new state administrations as well as in Congress, only time will tell — but their present existence speaks louder than past generalities.

NO MANDATE REQUIRED

No analysis of the major issues, oratory, and over-all results of the campaign could extract from this election a "mandate" for new legislative moves against labor. But the past has shown that the foes of labor never require a popular mandate to induce them to act—all they ask is the opportunity. Now that the opportunity has come, in the wake of the Eisenhower landslide, they cannot be expected to let it go to waste.

The Arizona and Nevada results demonstrate once more the strategic role played by the state, in recent years, in the nation-wide campaign against labor. It was not so long ago that they were regarded, with some justice, as the proving grounds of social progress and new welfare measures. Now, in the grip of the most reactionary elements of our society, many state governments have become laboratories for the trial and development of new techniques and devices for the suppression of labor.

As this trend continues, the conflict between "states' rights" and human rights becomes ever more real and more apparent. If it continues to its logical conclusion, we may yet see the day when each of the 48 states has on its books a law more vicious, even, than Taft-Hartley. The elimination of that act, then—if nothing were placed in its stead — would leave unions entirely subject to the tender mercies of the states.

Should such a sorry day arrive, it might conceivably bring with it the final irony — when "Repeal Taft-Hartley (period)" becomes the platform of reaction.

Management Gets "Tougher," Says Mediation Head

New York (LPA)—Management has been getting tougher with unions since 1946, according to Merlyn S. Pitzele, chairman of the State Board of Mediation. The Taft-Hartley act, passed in 1947, "accelerated" the attitude, and the Republican sweep Nov. 4 might further harden management's attitude.

Pitzelé is labor editor of Business Week magazine, and was labor adviser to Dwight D. Eisenhower during the campaign.

Pitzele reported to the Joint Legislative Committee on Industrial and Labor Relations Nov. 14 that his board's work load increased 12 per cent in 1952. "Disputes are harder to settle nowaways," said Pitzele, "because of management's stiffening attitude toward union demands. Management has got its nerve back and is willing to fight this year."

He cited the General Motors strike of 126 days, and the steel strike of 54 days. "All industry has been encouraged by those corporation leaders to resist," Pitzele continued. "The result is that mediation is no longer the breeze it once was."

(At Sea Isle, Ga., the Business Advisory Council at its annual meeting said neither the Wagner act nor the Taft-Hartley act helped labor relations, but instead aggravated them. The Council advises the Secretary of Commerce on economic problems affecting the nation.

(At San Francisco, David L. Cole, director of the Federal Mediation & Conciliation Service, told a meeting of labor relations experts that both management and labor would be better off if they stopped leaning on government agencies to resolve their bargaining problems.)

Crisis Near In Unpaid Doctor Bills

(State Fed. Release)

"Labor," the national Railroad Brotherhoods' paper, last week revealed that efforts of the organized doctors of meeting the costs of medical care by crying "socialized medicine" are being challenged in unexpected quarters.

For example, the conservative weekly magazine, "U. S. News and World Report," published a significant article warning that whichever candidate wins the presidency will have to do something about our rising medical costs.

A note at the top of the page said the articles represented "the result of an extensive research on a problem of outstanding importance." That problem is the unpaid medical bills facing "nearly one family in five."

A table showed that 10.2 million families have such bills; that 1.2 million owe $200 or more, and that 200,000 owe more than $1,000 for needed health care. The total of such debts, the magazine declared, exceeds $1 billion.

This takes no account of the **people who go without needed medical treatment because they know they can't pay for it; nor, as the article points out, of savings spent, money borrowed from banks or other lenders to meet hospital costs,** "which usually must be paid in advance," **or of funds provided by various insurance plans.**

Aid for medical education also is cited as a major problem to be faced by the next President. This has been fought by the "Doctors' Lobby" as an "opening wedge" to "socialized medicine."

The article pointed out that, although more than half of the population is covered by health or hospital insurance plans of some sort, they meet only a small percentage of the cost of health care.

Meanwhile, the magazine "Medical Economics" reports that "general practitioners" (that is, family doctors) had an average net income last year of $14,098, a rise of 50 per cent over 1947. Specialists averaged $17,112.

Denver Bus Drivers

Denver (LPA)—Hailed by an international officer as the best contract negotiated by the AFL Street, Electric Railway and Motor Coach Employees during 1952, an agreement between the union's Local 1001 and the Tramway Corp. here gave bus drivers 16c an hour more and greatly improved rules governing split shifts. Employees in miscellaneous departments won a 19c increase and a reduction in hours from 48 to 44.

Among outstanding gains was the right to wear sports shirts during the summer months, without caps. Of the pay increase, 10c went into effect Nov. 1; the balance must be approved by the Wage Stabilization Board but will be retroactive to that date.

COURT DECISIONS SUPPORT HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS

(AFL Release)

Court decisions of the past two years, the Committee for the Nation's Health reported, have given a big boost to unions, cooperatives and other consumer groups who wish to establish their own health insurance plans.

The committee, a nonpartisan organization of doctors and laymen, pointed out that the courts, in a series of cases which it cited, have ruled that people have the right to:

1. Organize plans for prepaying their physicians' services.
2. Make financial arrangements with doctors of their choice to further those services.

It noted that the courts also have held that medical societies, all of which are branches of the American Medical Association, have no right to block such plans in the name of "medical ethics."

It said these decisions have helped to erase some of the roadblocks which medical societies have placed in the way of group health insurance programs.

The committee stated that trade unionists, co-op members, and other individuals want comprehensive medical care, group medical practice and consumer or community control of finances, with doctors controlling medical matters.

"Experience has demonstrated," the committee said, "that consumer-sponsored insurance plans with group medical practice can furnish comprehensive services at no greater costs than are now charged for the limited services offered by a combination of Blue Cross (hospitalization) and Blue Shield (surgical) or by so-called 'liberal' policies issued by insurance companies."

Additional information about the impact of court decisions on group health insurance plans may be obtained from the Committee for the Nation's Health, 1416 F St. N.W., Washington 4, D. C.

AFL Unions Made First U. S. Hydrogen Bomb

AFL union members made the first hydrogen bomb.

This fact was learned following official announcement by the Atomic Energy Commission that "experiments contributing" to hydrogen bomb research had been completed recently on Eniwetok atoll in mid-Pacific.

Eyewitness reports sent home by servicemen and published in the press described a devastating blast of what was believed by them to be a hydrogen bomb.

MADE THE PARTS

Although security regulations do not permit disclosure of any specific information regarding the super-secret hydrogen bomb, it can be reported that AFL metal trades workers in several plants made the parts from which the dread weapon was assembled. The location of these plants and the nature of the various component parts remain undisclosed.

The brief announcement by the Atomic Energy Commission did not specifically admit that a full-scale hydrogen bomb had been exploded.

But the official language was interpreted by scientists and laymen alike, throughout the world, as meaning that a successful demonstration had been accomplished of the detonation of the first H-bomb.

The official statement issued by Gordon Dean, chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, said:

"Joint Task Force 132, operating for the Department of Defense and the United States Atomic Energy Commission, has concluded the third series of weapons development tests at Eniwetok atoll in the Marshall Islands.

THERMONUCLEAR KEY

"Like the Greenhouse series of 1951, it was designed to further the development of various types of weapons. In furtherance of the President's announcement of Jan. 31, 1950, the test program included experiments contributing to thermonuclear weapons research.

"Scientific executives for the tests have expressed satisfaction with the results. The leaders and members of the military and civilian components of the task force have accomplished a remarkable feat of precision in planning and operations and have the commendation of the Department of Defense and the Atomic Energy Commission."

"In the presence of threats to the peace of the world and in the absence of effective and enforceable arrangements for the control of armaments, the United States government must continue its studies looking toward the development of these vast energies for the defense of the free world. At the same time, this government is pushing with wide and growing success its studies directed toward utilizing these energies for the productive purposes of mankind."

The key word in the statement was "thermonuclear," the scientific term for the hydrogen super-bomb.

AFL construction workers are building several huge plants in the South for the mass production of hydrogen weapons, just as they have erected all the atomic bomb plants in the nation. In addition, skilled workers in the metal trades have manned the great laboratories and all but one of the production plants where atomic weapons have been produced in great number.

$2 Billion Program For Reclamation In Next 6 Years

Reclamation Commissioner Michael W. Straus told the National Reclamation Assn. meeting in Long Beach last week that Congress in January will be given a new $2,100,000,000 six-year reclamation construction program, as requested by the outgoing Congress.

He urged, along with most other speakers at the conference, that local leadership should take over an ever-larger control of water resource development.

Lt. Gen. Lewis A. Pick, who retires this month as chief of the Army Engineers, told the delegates a great calamity hangs over America unless drastic action is taken throughout the U. S. to protect the water supply.

Straus said both presidential candidates urged greater local and state handling of reclamation.

(Some commentators have stated that Eisenhower plans to settle the national debt by selling most power projects to private utilities.)

Straus said the $2-billion program includes many projects previously authorized but not yet started. He urged that California take over the Central Valley Project.

"If California feels the time has come when it should take over, it should proceed in an intelligent and thoughtful manner to buy the project it first planned to build itself, anyway. But not all the people are agreed on this subject, and reclamation, at the moment, has nobody to whom to make such an unprecedented sale."

Santa Maria Valley Loses Long Time Labor Leader

With the death Nov. 4 of Joe Meagher, Santa Maria Central Labor Council president, northern Santa Barbara County lost a labor leader who had been active and widely respected in the area for almost 30 years.

Bro. Meagher, long time secretary and business representative for Food Packers, Processors and Warehousemen Local 865, besides his Council post, several months ago suffered a broken vertebra when he fell from the roof of a shed he was repairing. He made a lengthy stay in the hospital at that time, but subsequently returned to his duties for the union.

During the past month or so, Bro. Meagher was apparently regaining his health, until the recent fatal attack. He died suddenly Nov. 4 in a Santa Maria hospital, and funeral services were held Nov. 7 at Santa Maria. Rosary was recited Nov. 6 in Magner Funeral Home chapel. Requiem mass was celebrated Nov. 7 in St. Mary's Catholic Church, by Rev. Thomas V. Murphy. Burial took place at Santa Maria cemetery.

Joe Meagher was a veteran in the labor movement and in the American Federation of Labor. At one time with the Longshoremen in Seattle, he had been for 28 years a resident of Santa Maria. His experience in this area included work as a boxmaker for General Box Distributors and California Pine Box Company, both in Guadalupe. He had also worked for various vegetable packing sheds in this district.

In 1936 Bro. Meagher joined the present Local 865, although it was then still operating under the old Federation charter as Fruit and Vegetable Workers 18211. He served many years as trustee of the local, which in 1925 added cannery workers and warehousemen. Since then the local has operated under a Teamsters charter.

Bro. Meagher worked with Roland Clark, secretary and business agent, in 1934-44, during the time this union had a real struggle to win recognition and respect from employers. He succeeded Clark when the latter retired because of ill health, and held the post until his death.

An able leader, Joe Meagher had the friendship of his own union members and others throughout the labor movement in this area, besides the respect of all who knew him. He had served as president of Santa Maria Central Labor Council since April, 1947, when he succeeded Clarence Earing.

He was also active in politics, serving for some time on the Democratic County Central Committee.

Living relatives include his wife, Mrs. Ellen Meagher, two daughters, Mrs. Barbara Darby, and Miss Margaret Frances Meagher, and three sons, Joseph, Robert and Jimmy.

AGE AND ACCIDENTS

The highest pedestrian fatality rate is among elderly persons, and drivers are urged to be extra careful where aged people are about. They are often unacquainted with the potentialities of an automobile and are liable to omit even the normal precautions which slowing perceptions permit them.

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What to Do About It

By I. B. Padway

AN OPEN LETTER TO GOV. ADLAI STEVENSON

Your Excellency:

Twenty years ago with the advent of Franklin D. Roosevelt as President of the United States, a new era in American history was brought into being. The people of this, the greatest country in the world, disavowed the party whose activities were primarily those of big business, with very little or nothing for the underdog, the common laborer.

For 20 years this nation gave back to the masses rights and benefits too numerous to set forth here in detail. In 1952 the Democratic Party, with you as its standard bearer, sought to carry on the principles and gains made on behalf of working men and women during the last 20 years.

History repeats itself, as it has in the past. When people grow fat on good times, when wages are high, when they are privileged to enjoy every modern convenience which the citizenry of so few nations throughout the world enjoys, they become indifferent to all the gains and advantages and are prone to hero worship.

Thus, on Nov. 4, 1952, although upwards of 27 million voters felt that you could carry on the very fine record of the past 20 years, the people defeated you and elected your opponent. But in this defeat, you have established something which will go down for time immemorial as a new era of political campaigning. A new brand of politics has been brought into being.

You said what you meant, and you meant what you said. Yours was an honest campaign. In all your addresses to the American people, never once did you hedge on the stand that you took. You did not say one thing in the South and another in the North. You did not promise one thing in the East and another in the West.

When you first started to speak as a candidate for the Presidency of the United States, I felt, as did many others, that the speeches you delivered were classics—and they truly were—but that they might be a little beyond the comprehension of the average American public. As time went on, however, and even rock-ribbed Republican commentators admitted and attested to the high caliber of your campaign and particularly the sensible addresses delivered by you, we who listened suddenly realized that for the first time in American political history there had been brought into being an understanding approach to the candidacy for President of the United States.

I believe it was Milton who said, in "Paradise Regained," that "an honest man speaks winning words to conquer willing hearts and make persuasion do the work of fear." You did just that.

Your speeches stand as a record of achievement unequalled in American politics. You are now the leader of the Democratic Party. We who believe in that party look to you to continue your honest understanding and discussion of our problems.

Humbly and sincerely yours,
I. B. PADWAY.

Boilermakers Local Certified by NLRB

Shreveport, La.—The National Labor Relations Board certified Local 79 of the Boilermakers as the bargaining agent at the Bar-Brook Manufacturing Co. after winning an election there last July 23 to 27.

The NLRB dismissed the company's objections that voters were intimidated by strikers and that "temporary" employees were allowed to vote.

Making Ends Meet

Plentiful Supply of Gobblers Assured for the Holidays

By BERT SEIDMAN

Unless you wait until the very last minute you won't have to worry about having a turkey for Thanksgiving. This year there will be plenty of gobblers and at fairly reasonable prices.

The record turkey crop means that there will be a good supply of birds and a wide choice of sizes and types. About a fourth of this year's turkeys are the small, meaty Beltsville-type birds. These have become very popular because they suit the small family, small oven, and small refrigerator. But there will also be plenty of larger turkeys for the gathering-of-the-clan Thanksiving dinners.

Turkeys are expected to cost about 2 to 5 cents a pound less just before Thanksgiving than they have in recent weeks and about 5 cents less than last Thanksgiving.

Cranberries will be less plentiful than last year, however, and, particularly in fresh form, they will cost a little more.

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FOOD HINTS

If you are trying to decide whether to buy a ready-to-cook turkey or one that is dressed with just the feathers off and blood drawn, remember that large turkeys lose about 15 per cent of their weight from the dressed to the ready-to-cook stage. You can compare prices of both kinds to see which is the better buy.

Even though you may save a little time, it's better not to stuff your turkey in advance. You can make the stuffing the day before and then hold it in the refrigerator, but don't put the stuffing in until you are ready to roast the turkey. In roasting, allow enough time and use the right oven temperature to assure cooking to the very center of the stuffing.

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FTC CRACKS DOWN ON ADS

The Federal Trade Commission has taken action to end misleading advertising of detergents and cigarettes.

Makers of five leading brands of laundry detergents have promised to stop making claims that you can get clothes as clean without rinsing as with rinsing. They will also stop advertising that use of their products will wash clothes without rinsing as clean or cleaner than soap will with rinsing. In addition, the maker of one of these brands has agreed to stop claiming that it protects colors in dyed cloth or produces more suds than other synthetic detergents.

As part of its campaign against the claim of cigarette manufacturers that a particular brand is less irritating than others, the FTC has asked for a court injunction to stop a leading manufacturer of cigarettes from advertising that its cigarettes can be used without irritating throat tissues.

The FTC says that such ads are not only injurious to the smoking public but are also unfair to manufacturers of competing brands which have previously been restrained by FTC orders from making similar claims. In a previous case, the FTC had said that all cigarettes contain varying amounts of nicotine and throat irritants and there is no reliable basis for advertising claims that one brand is superior to another.

NLRB THROWS OUT ELECTION

Chicago.—The National Labor Relations Board threw out an election which the Teamsters Union lost, 279 to 158, at the Muter Co., ruling that the Taft-Hartley Act is not "a license for indiscriminate campaigning before a board election."

The union charged that the boss made an anti-union speech to the workers on company time shortly before the polls opened Sept. 4. It said management ignored a request by the union for one of its officers to address the workers under similar conditions.

The NLRB declared, "When an employer chooses to deliver a preelection speech on union activities to his employees on company time and property, he destroys the laboratory atmosphere which the board must maintain in its election proceedings if he denies the petitioning union a similar form if it has been requested.

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Green Lane Hosiery Mill, Green Lane, Pa. Brand name: **Green Lane.**

H. Mantell, 212 Fifth Ave., New York City. Brand name: **Mannings—"Proportioned to Fit."**

Kenosha Full-Fashioned Mills, Inc., 2323 60th St., Kenosha, Wis. Brand names: **American Jewel, Radiant, Kencrest, Owl, Edgecrest, Perfect Plus, Sheer Glo, Hiwassee.**

Phoenix Hosiery Co., 320 East Buffalo St., Milwaukee, Wis. Brand name: **Phoenix.** (Men's and women's hosiery.)

Propper-McCallum Co., Northampton, Mass. Brand name: **McCallum.**

Strutwear, Inc., 1015 S. Sixth St., Minneapolis, Minn. Brand name: **Strutwear.** Also uses union label on lingerie and blouses.

The Portage Hosiery Co., Portage, Wis., places the union label on boot socks for men.

Chrysler Earnings Jump $9.7 Million

The Chrysler Corporation earned $9.7 million more during the first 9 months of 1952 than it did in the same period of 1951. Its profits totaled $59.7 million.

Chrysler reported it sold $204 million worth of defense products in the January-September period this year, compared with only $49 million last year—or an increase of $155 million.

Attend union meetings.

Signs of the Time–Employers Taught "Painless" Pay Cuts

(State Fed. Release)

A national and widely quoted information service in Washington, D. C., reported last week that employer contract negotiators are becoming increasingly aware of the problems of introducing and effecting wage cuts.

In recent months, such wage cuts have been arranged for by negotiation or decided by voluntary arbitration in the textile and hosiery industries, the so-called "soft spots" in the nation's economy.

In the event that the number of "soft spots" continue to grow and wage cuts become necessary in other areas, the service advises management negotiators to prepare in advance compromise proposals to overcome trade union resistance and to make the wage cuts as painless as possible.

Since most existing provisions in contracts for reopening wage negotiations are phrased as though the only question to be decided is whether there should be a wage increase, it is suggested that management check such provisions and make sure that the wording allows for bargaining on wage reductions as well as increases.

This accomplished, the advice turns on how to introduce the wage cuts in a "palatable" form. The suggestion is offered that the cuts be made on a "conditional" basis, as outlined recently by David L. Cole, director of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, in an address delivered at the Rutgers University Conference on Arbitration in Labor-Management Relations.

The Cole suggestion is simply that the parties themselves should agree to whatever wage cut may be needed at the moment to enable an employer to operate, without a substantial loss, in competition with others who have more favorable wage rates.

The conditional aspect of the cut is that at the next wage negotiations, the financial reports of the company should be reviewed to see if the wage reduction was necessary or if the company could have operated without resorting to wage cutting. If the records reveal that the company operated profitably and could have done so without cutting wages, then the wage reductions are restored to the time they were effected.

Chance of Tax Cut Soon Pretty Dim, GOP Leaders Admit

Washington (LPA)—The chances for a tax cut soon are dim, GOP leaders now admit.

Sen. Styles Bridges (R. N.H.), said Nov. 13 the budget should be balanced before tax cuts are made, and chances of a balance this year are also dim. Sen. William F. Knowland (R., Cal.) also declared the budget must be balanced before taxes can be cut, adding that he'd like to see both objectives achieved "as soon as we can without jeopardizing national defense."

Bridges will become either GOP majority leader in the 83rd Congress or head of the budget-reviewing appropriations committee. Knowland said he'd be glad to become majority leader if Bridges does not seek the job.

Rep. Joseph W. Martin (R., Mass.), slated to become Speaker of the House, said Congress may cut taxes before the budget is balanced.

NLRB Orders Firm To Reinstate Employee

Visalia.—The National Labor Relations Board ordered an employer to reinstate a woman who was fired after her son walked off the job with 7 others in an effort to get a wage raise.

Mrs. Flossie M. Baty was discharged in October 1951 by Dofflemyer Bros., a grape packing firm, the day after the walkout. The company argued that it was exempt from NLRB jurisdiction because it employed "agricultural" labor.

NEW BUILDING GAINS OVER '51

For the fifth successive month, expenditures for new construction in October increased 5 per cent or more above the total of a year previously. However, the amount declined seasonally from $3.1 billion to $3 billion.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics and the Building and Materials Division of the Commerce Department said that the decline was less than expected for this time of year, for both private and public construction.

Residential building remained steady at a billion-dollar level.

New construction totaled $27 billion for the first 10 months of the year, 4 per cent above the amount for the same period in 1951.

GOP is Expected to Drop 70 in Labor Department

Labor Department officials estimated that less than 1 per cent—or about 70—of the agency's employees will be replaced when the Eisenhower administration takes office. The remainder hold Civil Service status.

Most of the jobholders scheduled to be replaced work in the offices of Secretary of Labor Maurice Tobin and Solicitor William Tyson. Tyson's bureau, with 30 lawyers, is the only one in the department which is not under Civil Service.

DODSON CAREER MAN

Among the high officials who are scheduled to be removed are Tobin, Under Secretary Michael Galvin, and Assistant Secretaries Ralph Wright, Philip Kaiser, and Robert Creasy. Another assistant secretary, James Dodson, who is in charge of the budget and management, is a career man and may remain.

Chiefs of the department's 9 bureaus also probably will be discharged. Their deputies may be subject to firing although a majority were said to have Civil Service status.

CLAGUE MAY STAY

Commissioner Ewan Clague of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, who is in the second year of a 4-year term, as provided by law, can stay on the job if he chooses. However, it is likely that he will submit his resignation as a matter of form along with other Presidential appointees, but whether it will be accepted is conjecture. Clague is only the sixth person to serve since the office was established 68 years ago.

BLS, with 1600 employees, is one of the largest bureaus in the department. The Wage and Hour and Public Contracts Division has 1800 employees, and the Bureau of Employment Security has 1500.

About half of the department's 7000 workers are employed in Washington, D. C.

Doctor's Income Averages $14,098

The average net income last year of general practitioners among America's doctors was $14,098, according to Medical Economics magazine, published by the American Medical Association. That was 50 per cent more than the 1947 average.

Specialists earned an average of $17,112 last year.

Caney, Kans. (LPA).—Local 432 Oil Workers will award two Christmas turkeys to the members who sign up most new members by Dec. 20.

Election Union Lost Is Set Aside; Boss Talked Too Much

Chicago (LPA)—The Taft-Hartley act is not "a license for indiscriminate campaigning before a Board election," the National Labor Relations Board ruled Nov. 15, in throwing out an election lost, 158 to 279, by the AFL Teamsters at the Muter Co. A new election was ordered.

The union charged that the boss made an anti-union speech to the workers on company time and property shortly before the polls opened Sept. 4, 1952, and ignored a prior request from the union for the right to address the workers under similar conditions.

Said the Board: "When an employer chooses to deliver a pre-election speech on union activities to his employees on company time and property, he destroys the laboratory atmosphere which the Board must maintain in its election proceedings if he denies the petitioning union a similar form if it has been requested. The employer has done just that in this case."

Take part in union affairs. Your union is as democratic as you make it.

Lumber Workers Win 5th Straight

(State Fed. Release)

The AFL Lumber and Sawmill Workers Union registered its fifth straight NLRB victory in Humboldt County last week when it won the election held for employees of the Fred Svinth Lumber Co. The plant normally employs 50 workers and is located in Arcata.

Contract and wage negotiations are expected to start as soon as a committee can be chosen for the Svinth employees.

The Redwood District Council of Lumber and Sawmill Workers announced that virtually all of the 3000 lumber workers in the Arcata area are now organized under the AFL banner.

Sen. Morse Lauds Adlai and Truman

Washington (LPA)—Sen. Wayne Morse of Oregon wired greetings to Governor Stevenson and President Truman after the election—but not to General Eisenhower. "I'm not a hypocrite," Morse said when asked about it.

Senator Morse, who was one of Eisenhower's earliest supporters, dumped the General and the Republican Party during the campaign when the candidate's surrender to Senators Taft, McCarthy and Jenner became too much for Morse to stomach. The Oregonian's immediate post-election comment was: "Eisenhower and Nixon fooled the people."

Morse's telegram to Stevenson said, "I wish you to know that I consider it was a great privilege to campaign in your behalf. You conducted a noble campaign which made a glorious record in the pages of our country's history. My best wishes always."

To President Truman he wired, in part: "When history comes to appraise your administration, it will be recorded that you placed human value and the best interests of your country above selfish, materialistic value. . . . [Your] record is an indelible one in the history of our country, while that of your detractors will soon fade away and be forgotten."

Listen to Frank Edwards,

KEEP CAMP COOKE OPEN, WARREN ASKS

Following up widespread protests against the Army's sudden decision to close down the big army base at Camp Cooke near Lompoc, Governor Earl Warren last week wired Secretary of the Army Frank Pace urging reconsideration of the Army's plan to close the camp.

Closing of the base would seriously hurt surrounding areas that have built up their economy to service the camp and its personnel, and the Army's reasons for closing the base—discovery of oil on part of the land—have come in for criticism.

Gov. Warren's telegram to Secy. Pace follows:

"The office of the commanding general, Sixth Army, has advised me by telephone that it is proposed to deactivate Camp Cooke, California, as a training camp because of the cost that would be involved in acquiring privately owned mineral rights on the property. These mineral rights are owned by the Union Oil Co., from whom the Army acquired surface rights to 42,357 acres in 1942.

"The president of the Union Oil Co. has written to me stating that there is no reason, so far as the company is concerned, why the development of its oil rights cannot proceed without interference with the military activities of the camp.

"I therefore urge that reconsideration be given to any proposal to close the camp, particularly in the light of the effect such closing would have upon the economy of the neighboring communities, including Lompoc and Santa Maria, whose citizens have made large investments in order to be of service to the camp personnel."

38 FRIENDS IN SENATE

Labor will have 38 friends in the next Senate, compared with 40 in the present one, as a result of the Nov. 4 elections.

A Senator is considered friendly to trade unionists if he supports legislation in the interests of organized labor.

Here is the box score comparing friends and enemies in the 82d and 83d Congresses:

82d Congress (1951-52)

40 friends, 55 enemies, 1 doubtful

Not up in 1952

26 friends, 34 enemies, 1 doubtful

Elected in 1952

12 friends, 23 enemies, 0 doubtful

83d Congress (1953-54)

38 friends, 57 enemies, 1 doubtful

61 SENATORS MAY BACK IKE

President-elect Eisenhower probably will have the support of 61 Senators on labor legislation—such as his proposal to amend, rather than to repeal, the Taft-Hartley Act.

Congressional Quarterly, a non-partisan research service, compared the announced stands of the general with past votes of returning Senators and positions taken by new Senators and revealed that he should have the support of 44 Republicans and 17 Democrats. Most of the latter are southerners.

It said 2 Republicans, 25 Democrats and 1 independent (Morse of Oregon) probably will oppose the new President on labor issues. There was doubt about 1 Republican and 5 Democrats.

FORECASTS END OF ALL CONTROLS

Port Huron, Mich.—Rep. Jesse Wolcott (R., Mich.), who, as chairman of the House Banking Committee in the next Congress, will have a major voice in shaping America's economic policy, said there was no justification for continuing price and wage controls.

He said they should be allowed to die after April 30, the date they are due to end.

Wolcott said he didn't know whether stand-by controls would be worth while. "The attitude of Gen. Eisenhower," he added, "is that it would be better to rely on indirect controls."

The veteran Michigan legislator also declared he saw no reason to keep controls on consumer credit.

He was uncertain as to whether priorities and allocation of scarce materials should die with their expiration date June 30.

Wolcott said he had not discussed future legislation with Homer Capehart (R., Ind.), who will head the Senate Banking Committee. "But we're not going to have any trouble getting together," he added. "We never do."

Food Prices Down Slightly in Month

The price of food is down. Not much—it dropped by three-tenths of 1 per cent between Mid-September and mid-October, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported.

BLS also announced that the price of retail goods throughout the nation decreased by 3 per cent, but that it increased by seven-tenths of 1 per cent between Sept. 30 and Oct. 15.

To some degree, a union is like a chain, with each link (member) needing the support of the others. Be a strong, dependable "link."

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MURRAY BECOMES CIO HEAD—Scottish bag-pipers, a reminder of his native country, lead an ovation to Philip Murray after his election as CIO president at the 1940 convention. Beside Murray is John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, whom Murray succeeded in the top CIO post. On hearing of Murray's death Nov. 9, Lewis said he had made a contribution to labor "that will not be forgotten." (LPA)

Working Women Need Better Community Aid

If married women, particularly mothers, are to continue to work outside their homes in increasing numbers, important adjustments will have to be made by industry, the community, and the family, according to a pamphlet published by the Public Affairs Committee, New York City.

"Today, there are more and more women in the business and industrial world, and more and more are needed," declared Dr. Lillian Gilbreth, internationally famous management consultant.

INDUSTRY RESPONSIBLE

"Industry has the responsibility, not only of doing away with discrimination against women, but of affording them special privileges such as maternity leaves and part-time jobs—if women with home responsibilities are to give satisfactory service and lead satisfying lives," she added.

Pointing out that most women workers today are married and living with their husbands, and that more than 40 per cent of all mothers with school-age children work, Mrs. Stella Applebaum, author of the pamphlet, stressed the need for better community services.

"Whether or not a mother holds a job, her family needs good housing, convenient laundry and shopping facilities, recreation, health, and welfare services," she said. "And if mother leaves home each day to work, she also needs comfortable transportation and a shorter work day."

CARE CENTERS NEEDED

"Qualified child care centers," she continued, "are one of our largest unmet community needs today. Finding one for your child may be a matter of geography or just plain luck. There are waiting lists everywhere.

"Unless communities find a way to provide suitable facilities and qualified staff for the many urgently needed day care and after-school centers, children and family life will suffer immeasurably," asserted Mrs. Applebaum.

The pamphlet warned against "commercial child centers based entirely on the profit motive."

Many of these are declared to have "low standards and unqualified teachers." Suggestions are made for finding qualified centers and for organizing centers where none exist.

A number of proposals were also made for organizing the working wife's home life to reduce the hardships imposed by her dual responsibilities. "One of the few gains that came out of the last war," she indicated, "is the eagerness with which young husbands have learned to share housekeeping chores with their wives. . . . Many couples have found that sitting down together and doing a job analysis on paper helps them to work out a more efficient management."

Where an understanding has been reached between husband and wife, there is no need to fear that acceptance of an outside job will break up the family, the pamphlet said. "Consensus of the research to date is that gainful employment of the wife is not a significant factor either in marriage success or marriage failure. It is a peg on which conflict can be hung, a socially approved area in which to disagree, as are religion, child-rearing practices, money matters, in-laws, and other areas of conflict."

Workers Killed on Job Last Year Left 1,321 Dependents

(State Fed. Release)

During 1951 a total of 682 work fatalities occurring in California were recorded by the Division of Labor Statistics and Research, it was announced last week by the state agency.

Information is now available on 666 of those killed. The 666 were survived by 1,321 dependents, including 711 minors under 18 years of age, 503 widows, and 107 other adults.

Of the fatally injured workers, the 503 who had wives made up 76 per cent of the total; 348, or 52 per cent, supported minor children, and 79, or 12 per cent, supported or contributed to the support of adult dependents other than wives.

The median age of the widows of deceased workers was 39 years and 2 months. Sixty per cent of the widows were left with children under 18 years, 17 per cent having three or more such children.

The median age of these children was 8 years and 4 months.

Hickory, N. C. (LPA). — The Hickory Record, this town's only daily, refused to run an ad by the American Federation of Hosiery Workers. The alibi: "Controversial." Other papers in this state raised no such objections.

NAM Education Scheme Is Revealed to Teachers

The American Federation of Teachers alerted all its members to the dangers of a NAM scheme to finance public education in America. According to Irvin R. Kuenzli, secretary-treasurer of the AFT, the plan advanced by the NAM would permit big business to escape taxation by making private contributions from income to support the impoverished school system.

READY FOR BATTLE

Kuenzli quoted this statement from a declaration adopted at the last AFL convention:

"The labor movement today must battle against the ominous proposal of big business to support the public school system by private contributions.

"Labor must let it be known to all the world that the control of the public schools of the United States is not for sale to big business at any price and that those who attempt to avoid taxation for public education through private contributions will meet the unalterable opposition of the labor movement of the nation."

Kuenzli warned in a letter to the union's members that the NAM scheme could wreck the school system in less prosperous times when industry would not be able to maintain its contributions. He predicted that classroom teachers would suffer from reduced salaries and unfavorable working conditions, to say nothing of pressure to slant the thinking of students along big business lines.

GREATER THREAT

The NAM, in lieu of a broad program of federal aid to education, which it opposes, suggested that business enterprises could contribute $1 billion a year to education by setting aside 3 per cent of earnings for contributions to schools. It is estimated that the nation currently is spending about $5 billion a year on its public schools.

"Those citizens who are genuinely interested in 'democracy in education and education for democracy' will recognize a far greater threat to academic freedom in control of the schools by private industry than in control by the government of the United States," Kuenzli declared.

"It seems ironical that the sponsors of the Taft-Hartley Act, which provides federal control of organized labor—a dangerous step toward totalitarianism—should be so deeply concerned over federal control of education.

"The extent of control of higher education in the United States by private industry and the restriction on academic freedom resulting therefrom, are evidence of the danger to freedom of education in the NAM proposal to finance education through voluntary contributions from private profits."

LLPE Drive Aided In Hagan Election

Fresno.—Labor-endorsed Harlan Hagan stemmed the Republican "landslide" in the southern San Joaquin Valley when he defeated Rep. Thomas Werdel's bid for re-election to the U. S. House of Representatives. Werdel had one of the worst voting records in Congress from the standpoint of legislation benefiting the workers of the nation.

Every unit of Labor's League for Political Education in the 14th Congressional District worked hard for Hagan's election.

Trade unions also gave heavy support to Assemblyman Wallace Henderson, who won re-election by approximately 5,000 votes. His majority two years ago was only 119. Henderson represents Kern, Kings, and Tulare counties.

Cold, rainy weather calls for care in using the brakes of your car. Sudden applications of brakes on wet or slippery pavements often cause skidding.

Hallmark Ill

Royal E. Hallmark, secretary of the Monterey Peninsula Central Labor Council and secretary-treasurer of Culinary-Bartenders Union 483 of Monterey, was confined to his home with an illness last week. Nature of the illness was not disclosed.

Detroit (LPA). — Less than a week after AFL Upholsterers won a representation election at Dennis Manufacturing Co. they gained a contract upping pay, vacations and paid holidays.

Allentown, Pa., Establishes Stiffer Controls on Rents

(AFL Release)

Allentown, Pa.—Stiffer rent controls than those previously in force were established here, upsetting earlier action by the City Council which had voted unanimously to decontrol rents. The new controls will cover nearly every type of accommodation.

The local real estate board had reported that there were 713 rental vacancies. However, the Daily News-Digest revealed that some of them were houses for sale at prices ranging up to $33,000, and some were nonexistent street numbers.

Included anew under rent controls were hotels, rooming houses, tourist courts, trailers, and motels, as well as apartments and houses constructed since Feb. 1, 1947, and those converted to rental use before that date.

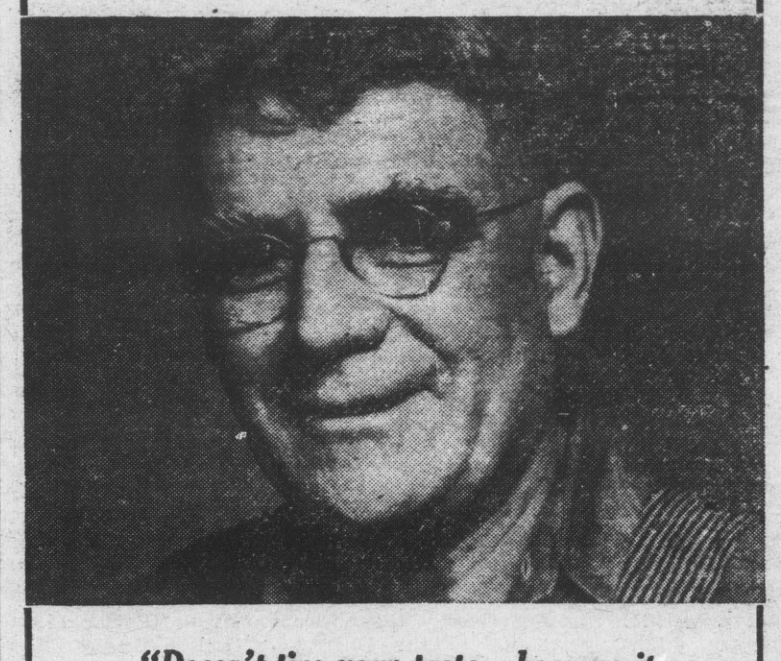
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